

MAYORS ELECT OFFICERS AT OKLA. CITY

RATLIFF OF ADA RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT — ROBERTS OF ARDMORE HONORED WITH THE TREASURERSHIP.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 28.—Mayor E. E. Ratliff of Ada was re-elected president, and Guy Blackwelder, Oklahoma City, was re-elected secretary, at the third annual meeting of the Oklahoma Municipal League, held Friday in the council chamber of the city hall. Mayor W. R. Roberts of Ardmore, the veteran municipal specialist, long connected with the city government of his home town, was honored with the treasurership of the organization, and Mayor Charles Lamm of Bartlesville was elected vice president.

The next meeting of the league will be held here January 15, next, at which time committees appointed Friday on legislation as a result of ex-

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tended discussion of municipal problems, will make their reports.

It is the intention of the mayors to present the legislature a number of bills and amendments to existing laws, but none will be revolutionary. All will be designed merely to correct some law that hinders the city governments or create some new authority.

The committee on legislation is headed by Mayor P. P. Duffy of El Reno, and with him are Mayor Frank P. Stearns of Shawnee, Commissioner J. T. Highley of Oklahoma City, and V. V. Hardecastle, assistant municipal counselor of Oklahoma City.

Sewerage Committee.

The sewerage and sanitation committee is composed of the following: Commissioner Highley, W. R. Scott, Holdenville; P. J. Quinn, Tulsa.

Waterworks problems will be considered by a committee composed of Hugh J. Cooper, Weatherford; C. C. Clothier, Guthrie; W. H. Hampton, Oklahoma City.

The committee on taxation includes Clarence White, El Reno; J. E. Nissley, Guthrie; John McMullen, Bartlesville; E. C. Trueblood, Oklahoma City.

Commissioner W. H. Hampton welcomed the mayors to Oklahoma City in the absence of Mayor Whit M. Grant, to which Mayor Ratliff of Ada responded. "Evolution of American Municipal Government," was discussed interestingly by Professor John Alley, instructor in the department of political science at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. "Fire Prevention," was the subject of an interesting talk by Professor J. I. Tucker, also of the university and still another university faculty member. Professor J. W. Scroggs, gave a talk. He devoted his remarks largely to municipal playgrounds and amusements.

The Attendance.

The following attended the convention: T. L. Kendall, Pauls Valley; W. E. Conger, E. R. Ratliff, Ada; W. R. Scott, Holdenville; J. E. Nissley, C. C. Clothier, Guthrie; W. R. Roberts, Ardmore; C. S. Lamm, John McMullen, Bartlesville; W. G. Scott, Pawhuska; E. L. Newclass, Pauls Valley; E. M. Woodson, Thomas V. Quinn, E. B. Klein, Tulsa; J. B. Burton, Chickasha; Clarence White, El Reno; F. P. Stearns, Shawnee; Fred E. Simms, Hugh J. Cooper, Weatherford, W. P. Deirdorf, Thomas R. Reid, El Reno; J. H. Johnston, V. V. Hardecastle, W. H. Hampton, J. T. Highley, Guy E. Blackwelder, Oklahoma City.

Father Killed and Son Wounded.

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 28.—George Ward, a wealthy land owner of near Porum, Okla., was shot and killed and his son Henry, perhaps fatally wounded this afternoon in the road near Porum. William Stidman, a farmer, went to town and phoned to the sheriff's office here, telling what had happened. He claims self-defense.

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INDIAN MAID BECOMES WIFE OF DICK CROKER

BEULAH EDMONDSON, CHEROKEE INDIAN, AGED 23 YEARS, WEDS RICHARD CROKER, AGED 73 YEARS.

New York, Nov. 28.—Richard W. Croker, former leader of Tammany Hall, was married today to Miss Beulah Benton Edmondson, a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, who is 50 years his junior. He is 73 years old and she is 23. Tonight the bride and groom are on their way to the Croker estate near Palm Beach, Florida, for their honeymoon.

The wedding took place at the home of Nathan Strauss, an old friend of Croker's. Many persons whom Croker had not taken into his confidence as to just where the ceremony would be performed, went to St. Agnes' church, under the impression that they would be witnesses of the nuptials, only to be disappointed. However, Croker did not evade all the uninvited guests, as seemed to be his purpose, for the street in front of the Strauss home was crowded with men and women. Only about twenty-five guests were invited to the wedding.

The bride was given away by her uncle, W. W. Hastings, who for fifteen years has been attorney for the Cherokee, and who recently was elected to congress from Oklahoma. The bridesmaids were Miss Frances Fite, a senior at Vassar, who comes from Muskogee, Okla.; Miss Ethel Brown of Dayton, Ohio, and Miss Willa Townsend of Memphis, Tenn. Monsignor Henry A. Brann, rector of St. Agnes' church, performed the ceremony. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl collar. Croker was attended by Thomas F. Smith, who has been secretary of Tammany Hall for years.

A typewritten statement, given out by the bride after the ceremony, made clear a good deal of her life history which has been reported in many different ways since knowledge of her engagement became known. Neither she nor Croker would talk much then, so the newspapers made the best of it by interviewing her friends. Some reports expressed doubt if she really was descended from the Indians, pointing out that she was blonde and very fair.

Others said she was one-quarter Indian. Others proclaimed her an Indian princess, and her statement says the latter were correct, for she is known as Princess Sequoyah, or Ketaw Kaluntchey, among her tribe. Her father, the statement continued, was Michael Smith Edmondson, a descendant of Roger De Montgomery, who commanded the van of the Norman army at the battle of Hastings, and her mother was Galela Welch, who descended from the famous chief Sequoyah, inventor of the Cherokee alphabet.

"She is proud of her Indian ancestry, and the Cherokees are proud of her as a college girl, lecturer,

ranch owner and business woman," the statement said.

Croker first saw the girl who today became his bride in Kansas City, when she was nine years old, according to the statement, and he later became interested in her zeal to make her people better understood. Miss Edmondson got inspiration for her work from Pocahontas and other Indian girls, she said. She told it thus:

"I have been inspired by the example of Pocahontas, who did so much to make the English people understand our race. Then there was Saccawagee, the 'Bird Woman,' who piloted the Lewis and Clark expedition five thousand miles and made it a success. On the way back, in crossing the Missouri, her husband, a renegade Frenchman, upset the canoe carrying the records of the expedition. She dove again and again until she saved all the valuable papers and trophies. I also find inspiration in Talabina, the Cherokee maiden who helped Sam Houston to free Texas."

And then she turned to Croker, who long was known as the "chief" of Tammany Hall, and remarked: "But it is the dearest ambition of every Indian girl to win a chief, and I have won the chief of men."

In April the couple will go to the groom's home in Ireland, where he has resided for many years since his retirement from political life in New York.

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FRANK DECLARES INNOCENCE DEPLORES CIRCUMSTANCES

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 28.—Leo M. Frank, under sentence of death for the murder here in April, 1913, of Mary Phagan, today gave out a statement to the public declaring his innocence of the crime and relating the circumstances surrounding his trial and the legal steps taken to obtain for him a rehearing or the setting aside of the verdict.

Frank's statement was issued from his cell in the Fulton county jail, where he has been confined since his arrest two days after the discovery of Mary Phagan's body in the basement of the pencil factory where Frank was superintendent. He declared he had been "prosecuted wrongfully and grotesquely for a crime of which I have no knowledge," and mentioned that in all the steps taken for a new trial the question of his guilt or innocence never has been reviewed by the higher courts but only the legality of the proceedings have been considered.

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LEGISLATIVE BOARD TO MEET

Workmen's Compensation Law One of Things to Be Considered.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 28.—A meeting of the joint labor legislative board has been called for Dec. 15 in this city. It will be composed of the organized bodies in the state. The principal object of the labor people this session will be the enactment of a workmen's compensation law. There is decided activity already observable in labor and employers' circles as to the terms of the law that it is expected will be enacted.

The labor people will insist upon the compulsory feature of such a law making it mandatory that every employer in a hazardous industry must come within the purview of the law. The act should also be compulsory as to the workmen employed in such industries, the labor people assert. It is probable that the labor people will be found urging a straight out state insurance law, compulsory in its form.

Other matters that the legislative board of the labor interests will seek to engraft upon the statutes are eight hours for women workers, a full-crew law, a railway hospital law, a law as to unclaimed wages of railway employees under which bulletins would be posted every thirty days, showing the name and amount due each employee who has not claimed his wages. The labor committee is of the opinion that the railroads of Oklahoma profit to the extent of \$60,000 a year on unpaid wages, in small sums.

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COST OF PRODUCING COTTON

Department Estimates Expense of 8.24 Cents a Pound

Washington, Nov. 28.—The cost of producing cotton averages about 8.24c a pound, or \$20.35 an acre, according to assistant chief Nat C. Murray of the federal bureau of crop estimates in a report published yesterday. These statistics, the latest available on the subject, are the results of an investigation in 1910. A similar investigation in 1896 showed the production cost 5.27c a pound, or \$15.42 an acre. Yearly reports on the production cost are not made by the department, and the results of the 1910 investigation had not heretofore been announced.

It is pointed out by Dr. Murray that the two investigations indicate material increase in the money cost of producing cotton between the two periods, the increase averaging more than 3 per cent a year.

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TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR LEASES UP TO DEC. 29.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 28.—The state school land commission will receive bids until Dec. 29 for the oil and gas leases on twenty sections of school land in Lincoln county, near the new Prague oil field. They will also receive bids for the same date on three sections of school land in Jefferson county that is considered favorable territory for oil and gas.

The bids to be received for the Lincoln County lands are expected to be liberal in point of bonus, owing to the high price that has been fixed for leases in that section. In the past the school land office has occasionally delayed letting contracts to drill on school land in the vicinity of the new oil fields. The policy that has been found best, however, is to lease the school lands at the outset of the boom, as the bonus offerings are generally better then.

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SUIT FILED AGAINST TRAPP.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 28.—In the district court here today, Attorney General West, on behalf of the state brought suit against former state auditor Trapp for \$1,000, the amount alleged to have been paid by the state on fraudulent warrant issued by Will McBrine, warrant clerk under Trapp, and signed by Trapp. McBrine was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years last Monday, after conviction on a charge of a fraudulent warrant and securing the money on it. The petition charges that the warrant was issued from the Auditor's office, and that the auditor should have prevented its issuance.

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